

Appln. No. 10/638,156
Amendment dated October 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed July 18, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 14 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled or withdrawn. Claims 15 through 18 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Parts 1 through 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 6, 8, 10, and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gray.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray.

Claims 9 and 12 through 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray in view of Sund.

Claims 1 and 12, particularly as amended, each require that "adjacent support frame assemblies of the plurality of support frame assemblies are spaced from each other to form radially-extending spaces between the adjacent support frame assemblies"

It is submitted that neither of the cited patents relied upon in making the rejections of the Office Action would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to this requirements of claims 1 and 12.

Further, new claim 15 and amended claim 12 require "wherein each of said support frame assemblies comprises at least one line member positioned in said radially-extending spaces between the adjacent support frame assemblies". It is also submitted that the prior art art would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to this feature of the claimed invention.

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Added claim 17 requires "a pair of said at least one line members is positioned in each of said radially-extending space, each line member of said pair of line members being associated with one of said adjacent support frame assemblies", and amended claim 12 requires "a pair of said at least one line members being positioned in each of said radially-extending space, each line member of said pair of line members being associated with one of said adjacent support frame assemblies". It is also submitted that the prior art would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to these requirements of the present invention.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through 14 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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